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1. RE REFTEL, DAVIES SAYS HE MADE MISTAKE WHEN HE TOLD EMBOFF KABUL THAT NOLL HAD PREPARED AND DISPATCHED TO GOA COMMENTS ON DRAFT LAW OF SPRING 1973. NOTES THAT DND DECIDED NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH COMMENTS AFTER NEW GOVT TOOK POWER PENDING CLARIFICATION OF HOW IT WISHED PROCEED. ADDS THAT DND IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING A DECREE WHICH AIMS TO AMEND SHORTCOMINGS OF OPIUM ACT. THIS IS TO BE TRANSMITTED KABUL (HOPEFULLY WITHIN TWO WEEKS), TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTION THAT GOA CONSIDER IT AS INTERIM MEASURE PENDING NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH MAY AFFECT EXISTING LAWS. DAVIES SAYS FURTHER THAT BORTHWICK HAS BEEN INFORMED OF FOREGOING IN LETTER SENT TO HIM ON JAN 22 AND HAS BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE IF HE DOES NOT REGARD PROPOSED APPROACH AS HELPFUL IN WHICH CASE DND WILL REVERT TO EARLIER LAW AND TO PREPARING COMMENTARY ON THAT LAW.

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2. MISOFF TOLD DAVIES THAT DEPMINJUS ZHOUAND HAS AFFIRMED TO

AMEMBASSY KABUL HIS DESIRE HAVE NOLL'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT LAW OF SPRING 1973 (REFTEL, PARA 3). DAVIES SAYS THAT IF THIS IS POSITION, GOA SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED SO ADVISE DND THROUGH BORTHWICK ASAP IN WHICH CASE NOLL WILL BE ASKED EXPEDITE PREPARATION OF COMMENTS AND DROP DRAFTING OF POSSIBLE DECREE.

3.DAVIES MENTIONED HE HAS ADVISED BORTHWICK THAT DND HAS LEARNED (THROUGH RADIO KABUL) THAT A NEW POLICE ACT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE WHICH SUPERSEDES ONE PASSED LAST YEAR. DAVIES SAID HE HAS MADE OBSERVATION TO BORTHWICK THAT THIS NEW ACT MAY AFFECT STATUS OF NARCOTICS SQUAD TO BE SET UP WITHIN CID AND MAY ALSO HAVE SOME BEARING ON POLICE REGULATIONS, WHICH AT TIME DAVIES' LAST VISIT TO KABUL WERE BEING DRAFTED TO FIT IN WITH 1972 ACT. NOTED BORTHWICK HAS BEEN ASKED SEND DND COPIES OF NEW ACT.BASSIN

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